GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ATOMIC ENERGY
LOK SABHA

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MINING OF URANIUM DEPOSITS IN MEGHALAYA
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Will the Minister of ATOMIC ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government is working on any Uranium mining project in Meghalaya;

(b) if so, the details thereof along with the progress made so far;

(c) whether the Uranium Corporation of India is facing difficulty in setting up the said mining project; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE PRIME MINISTER'S OFFICE(SHRI PRITHVIRAJ CHAVAN)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Uranium Corporation of India Limited (UCIL), a Public Sector Undertaking under the Department of Atomic Energy (DAE) proposes to set up a mine and mill at Kylleng Pyndengsohiong Mawthabah in the West Khasi Hills district in Meghalaya in Phase-I at an estimated cost of Rs.1047.32 core.Various pre-project activities are being carried out and the project will commence only after receipt of all statutory clearances and after an investment decision is taken by the Government.

(c) & (d) Yes, Sir.Few NGOs and anti-nuclear activists are opposing uranium mining in Meghalaya.